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Dr. Asa Gray

Dear Friend

I mail to day a box of roots for you. You may thank your friend Foster, who presented his letter yesterday, for being instrumental in securing these things. I went out collecting with him and remembered you when I came to the Whipplea. I put in some roots of that and cuttings a few. I think they will grow. Then are several scraps of other things - two roots of the Trillium ovatum - two or three of the Clintonia Andrewsii - some roots of the Viola sarmentosa and ocellata - may be something else that I have forgotten. But I think

you have these things already in your garden. Let me know what you would like for your garden and I would be happy to send it.

Mr. Foster came in a good time to get the flora of Santa Cruz - and he has loaded himself with specimens.

Kindest regards &c

E. L. Anderson

P. S. The little white Bulbs are our Fritillaria. Foster thinks you have it not in your garden.

I have just rec'd. a letter from Mr. Bebb of Ill. I have sent him our Willows and he thinks one is a new species. He will doubtless send to you for your determination.

I will make up a little package of our species and varieties here and send you. I think. We have 3 quite distinct species; and there are, as I think, 2 very doubtful species. I must study them a little more and send notes with the specimens.

If new Mr. Bebb thinks it a "splendid acquisition." But we shall see - and between you and me I am pretty confident we have but the 3 sp. and the other forms are either hybrid or vary on account of locality. It was new nevertheless.

I enclose 3 forms of leaves. No. 3 grows in the running water on the edge of streams. No 2 grows on banks and hillsides away from water but shaded. No. 1 is near the water in sand and near sloughs, not shaded. I have not been able to compare the fruit but I feel pretty sure they are the same species. But these characteristics are persistent only according to the place I find them growing.